

What we claim is:

- 1     **1.**     A method for evaluating measuring signals of an electromagnetic field which is in  
2             interaction with an electrically conductive fluid for detecting components in the fluid  
3             which differ with respect to the electric conductivity of the fluid, characterized in that  
4             the measuring signals are divided into at least two channels and are evaluated in order  
5             to detect different distributions and concentrations in the fluid.
  
- 1     **2.**     The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the electromagnetic field is  
2             generated by at least one transmitter coil flowed through by an alternating current, the  
3             fluid is a flowing metallic melt and is penetrated at least partly by the field at a  
4             measuring point flowed through by the same and entrained non-metallic components  
5             are detected at the measuring point by means of disturbances in the field, with  
6             non-metallic components which are entrained in a contiguous fashion in a manner  
7             expanded in the direction of flow being detected in the melt on the basis of disturbances  
8             in the electromagnetic field in a first channel above a lower cut-off frequency  $f_{Gu}$ , and  
9             simultaneously components distributed discretely in the melt being detected in the melt  
10            in a second channel above an upper cut-off frequency  $f_{Go}$ .
  
- 1     **3.**     The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the flowing metallic melt is a  
2             steel melt flowing from a metallurgical vessel and the non-metallic components are slag  
3             and/or gases.
  
- 1     **4.**     The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that a product of cut-off frequency  
2              $f_{Go}$  and the flow speed  $v$  is between  $0.1 \text{ m/s}^2$  to  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$  at the measuring point.
  
- 1     **5.**     The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that a product of cut-off frequency  
2              $f_{Gu}$  and the flow speed  $v$  is between  $0.001 \text{ m/s}^2$  to  $0.01 \text{ m/s}^2$  at the measuring point.
  
- 1     **6.**     The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a disturbance of the  
2             electromagnetic field generated by a transmitter coil is detected on the basis of a  
3             disturbance of the voltage induced in a receiver coil.

1     **7.**     An apparatus for detecting non-metallic components in a flowing metallic melt with at  
2             least one transmitter coil which is flowed through by an alternating current for  
3             generating an electromagnetic field which penetrates the flowing melt at least partly,  
4             a measuring element for measuring disturbances of the field at a measuring point which  
5             is flowed through by the melt and with an evaluating device, characterized by a first  
6             filter element which guides the disturbances of the electromagnetic field above a lower  
7             cut-off frequency  $f_{Gu}$  into a first channel with which non-metallic components can be  
8             detected which are entrained by the melt and are expanded especially in the direction  
9             of flow, and by a second filter element which guides the disturbances of the  
10            electromagnetic field above an upper cut-off frequency  $f_{Go}$  into a second channel with  
11            which components can be detected which are distributed in the melt and are entrained  
12            in a discrete manner.

1     **8.**     The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized by a summing element in at least  
2             one channel, in which the measured values detected in the channel are summed up into  
3             a summary value and by an amplitude filter which triggers a signal when the summary  
4             value exceeds a limit amplitude.

1     **9.**     The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the product of upper cut-off  
2             frequency  $f_{Go}$  and a flow speed  $v$  is between  $0.1 \text{ m/s}^2$  to  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$  at the measuring point.

1     **10.**    The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the product of lower cut-off  
2             frequency  $f_{Gu}$  and the flow speed  $v$  is between  $0.001 \text{ m/s}^2$  to  $0.01 \text{ m/s}^2$  at the measuring  
3             point.

1     **11.**    The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that a measuring element is a  
2             receiver coil and that disturbances of the electromagnetic field at a measuring point can  
3             be detected on the basis of disturbances of the voltage induced in the receiver coil.

- 1     **12.**     The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the transmitter coil can also  
2               be flowed through by the melt.
- 1     **13.**     The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the transmitter coil is  
2               simultaneously the measuring element.
- 1     **14.**     The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the transmitter and/or  
2               receiver coil are each individually arranged in a metallic housing which is at least  
3               partly non-ferromagnetic.
- 1     **15.**     The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the transmitter and receiver  
2               coils are arranged in a common metallic housing which is at least partly  
3               non-ferromagnetic.
- 1     **16.**     The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the transmitter and receiver  
2               coil are axially spaced from each other and are separated from each other by a metallic  
3               wall and either both coils are arranged in a common housing or each coil is housed in  
4               a separate housing, with the housing(s) consisting of a metallic material and the  
5               metallic material being non-ferromagnetic at least in sections.
- 1     **17.**     The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the transmitter and receiver  
2               coils are integrated in at least one section of the pouring channel of a metallurgical  
3               vessel.
- 1     **18.**     A method of using the apparatus as claimed in claim 7, for initiating a warning signal  
2               and/or a control signal for triggering a flow control device and/or a device for  
3               modifying the flow of the metallic melt when detecting discrete and/or contiguous  
4               impurities.